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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following paragraph after the Title and before the first paragraph on page 1:

This application is a U.S. National Phase application of PCT International application PCT/JP2004/005686.

Page 2, first full paragraph, replace with the following:

Such an AC surface-discharge-type PDP is provided with a dielectric layer covering the electrodes on the front panel, and also with a protective film made of magnesium oxide (MgO) for protecting the dielectric layer. A method of modifying the surface of a protective film, requiring a high electron emission performance and anti-sputtering property, is disclosed for example in, Japanese Patent Unexamined Publication No. ~~H09-255562~~, No. H08-236028, No. 2000-57939, and No. 2000-76989.